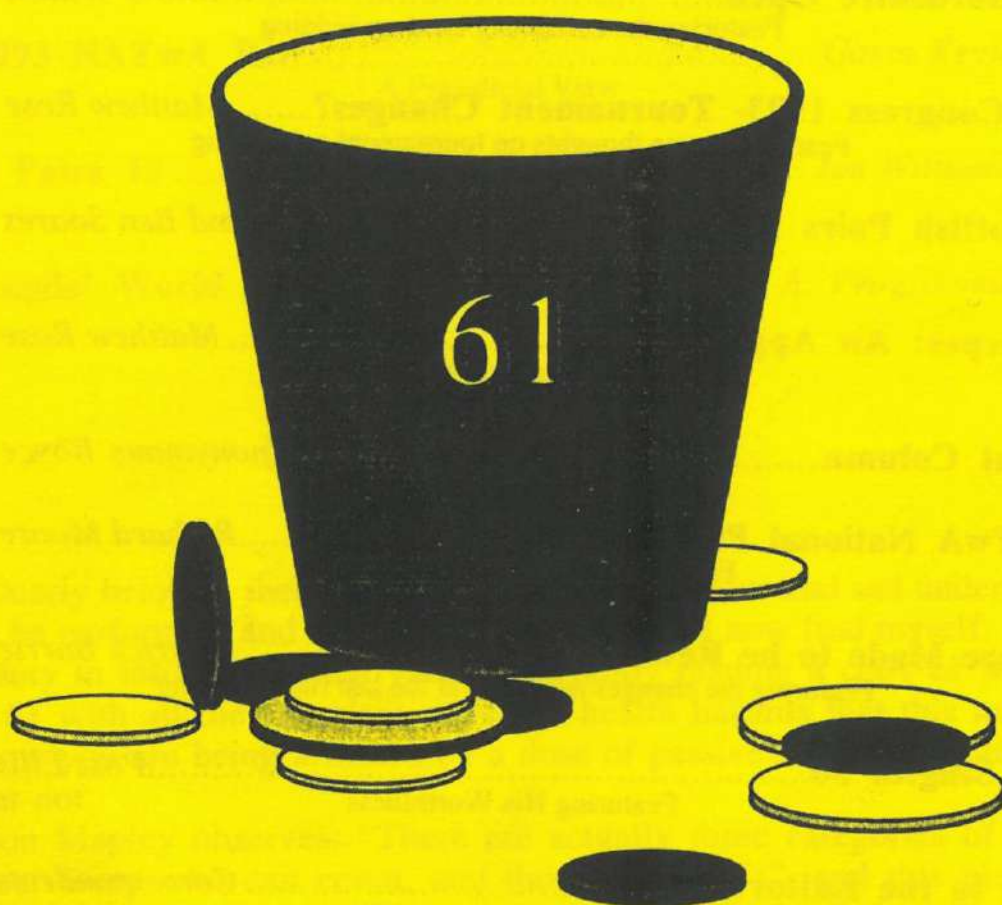


WINKING



WORLD

The Official Journal of the
English Tiddlywinks Association

October 1993

Contents

Editorial Raspberries.....	<i>El Ed.</i>	3
The Varsity Match (and Silver Wink).....	<i>Patrick Barrie</i>	4
Cambridge win despite their president		
The Oxfordshire Open.....	<i>Chris Wilson</i>	7
Featuring the customary random bidding		
ETwA Congress 1993- Tournament Changes?.....	<i>Matthew Rose</i>	10
Featuring some thoughts on tournament scheduling		
The Scottish Pairs.....	<i>Bruce Turnbull and Ben Soares</i>	10
Featuring the pier walk		
Cleethorpes: An Appreciation.....	<i>Matthew Rose</i>	15
Featuring lots of lard		
Personal Column.....	<i>Anonymous Boyce</i>	15
The ETwA National Pairs.....	<i>Richard Moore</i>	16
Featuring tawdry self-glorification		
Rules are Made to be Rewritten.....	<i>Patrick Barrie</i>	19
Featuring the changes approved at the last rules meeting		
World Singles 38.....	<i>Poss Ellis</i>	20
Featuring His Worthiness		
Letters to the Editor.....	<i>Correspondents</i>	22
Featuring the year 1320		
The Catford Invitation.....	<i>Charles Relle</i>	23
A "divine" gastronomic event		
On Us and Them.....	<i>Charles Relle</i>	23
Some personal thoughts from the Chairman		
Famous Winkers Revisited.....	<i>Patrick Barrie</i>	25
Competition! With a Prize!		
The Kidderminster Invitation.....	<i>Phil Clark</i>	26
The on-site bar remained up to the challenge!		
The 1993 NATwA Singles.....	<i>Andy Purvis</i>	27
STOMP!		
Auntie Gertie's Problem Corner.....	<i>Auntie Gertie</i>	29
Dear Auntie Gertie, I can't think of anything to write here...		

The London Open	<i>Ben Deane</i>	30
Featuring another close finish		
The Marchant Trophy	<i>Patrick Barrie</i>	32
How to win with a p.p.g. of less than 3.5		
A Historical Digression	<i>Patrick Barrie</i>	33
Featuring a historical digression		
The 1993 NATwA Pairs	<i>Gavin Keyte</i>	34
A Prejudicial View		
World Pairs 12	<i>Jon Williams</i>	36
Geoff & Andy make it four in a row		
Nick Inglis' World Ratings	<i>A. Programme</i>	37

Editorial Raspberries

by The Editor M.A. Ph.D.

Dearly beloved, there comes a time when onerous and sad undertakings have to be performed, and it is in that situation that I now find myself. Yes, it is my duty to inform you that you are currently reading a copy of *Winking World* 61 with all the attendant risks and health hazards that this involves. Even now you are being afflicted by a dose of passive winking whether you like it or not.

Jon Mapley observes: "There are actually three categories of ETwA members: those who can count, and those who can't", and this view was certainly confirmed when adding up the scoresheets in the Oxfordshire Open. This tournament featured the now customary bidding system to confuse matters and most pairs managed to get at least one negative score.

The inaugural Scottish Pairs took place in St Andrews and had a very encouraging turn-out, with rather more entrants than seen in any American tournament for a long while. A number of English visitors made the trip, taking advantage of the Scottish licensing hours, and having a great time. The tournament was well-organised and ended up in victory to Richard Moore & Julian Wiseman who won a very tense final against the all-Scottish pair of Nick Inglis & Anthony Heading. Both pairs gained World Pairs challenges, one of which has now been played.

As for the ETwA pairs, this too had its biggest ever turn-out, boosted by some Scottish visitors, and necessitated a two league format which seemed to work fairly well. Richard Moore & Patrick Barrie emerged unbeaten at the end as winners.

His Worthiness Geoff Myers retained his world title by beating Andy Purvis easily. It should be said that Geoff didn't play particularly well, but

Andy didn't even manage that. By game 4 Andy was asking to borrow squidgers off everyone, while the most memorable thing was watching the *Winking World* reporter knock back the Jack Daniels. Such dedication to duty.

Andy won the NATwA Singles in the summer with Jon Mapley in 2nd place. This is particularly good news as it gains some revenge over the days, not that long ago, when Americans dominated the ETwA event. Andy gains another World Singles challenge from this, and so "Myers v. Purvis 2: the rematch" will take place on the 29th October in Oxford (before many of you read this). Andy also visited America in September with three other OUTS winkers, and they played in the NATwA Pairs.

As well as the London Open (which featured yet another really close finish), there were invitation tournaments in Catford, Kidderminster, and on no fewer than three occasions in Cambridge over the summer. It's traditional for *Winking World* not to mention the results of the latter tournament(s), but I can reveal that James Cullingham won a car as a result of his efforts. More surprisingly, everything worked out well in the end thanks to treatment from the AA (to the car rather than to James). Charles has informed me that the Catford and London tournaments raised £150 for Lewisham hospital Diabetes Day Centre, from whom he has received a nice letter of thanks. One other event over the summer was a rerun of the Monopoly pub crawl; Rob Cartwright and Andy Milligan made successful debuts.

The Varsity Match

Wadham College, Oxford, 6th March 1993

by Patrick Barrie

It was agreed that this year's Varsity Match would also count for the Silver Wink trophy (unless OUTS beat CUTwC in which case a separate Silver Wink match would be played). While Cambridge started clear favourites, it promised to be an interesting match. Oxford now have sufficient strength in depth that there is far fiercer competition for places in their team than in some recent years. The Cambridge production line also seems to be in full working order and they selected two first years, leaving quarter-blue Jon Williams in the reserve spot.

The match started in a fairly tense fashion and four messy games soon developed. CUTwC gradually emerged with the upper hand in two games, while their president Rupert Thompson and partner Jon Marchant gradually subbed their winks away to take a solitary point off Rupert Wilson & Paul Roberts. The other game remained messy all the way into rounds, until good thinking and potting by Jason Westley & Andy Milligan against James Orwell & Simon Julier gave the CUTwC pair a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ win.

Oxford came back well in the second round with Robin Smale & Poss gaining a deserved 6-1 off Rupert & Jon, and Rupert & Paul playing some excellent shots to defeat Ed Wynn & Nick Reid. The game between Dave

Clarkson & Ben Deane and James & Simon was close throughout but always looked like a 4-3 to OUTS once rounds began. In the fourth game Jason & Andy once again pulled out a $5\frac{1}{2}$ from a scrappy situation against Chris Wilson & Ed Porter by good play in 5 rounds. Oxford had now closed the gap to a mere two points (29-27), and there was more than the odd trace of anxiety within the Cambridge camp.

The turning point of the match can be identified with one single shot in the next round. Dave Clarkson had been quite happy in earlier rounds to let an OUTS player have six free winks fairly close to the pot without attacking. In this game he once again didn't attack, and Paul Roberts needed no second invitation to go for the pot. Five winks went sweetly in leaving the last, an awkwardly positioned small on big, a couple of inches from the pot. Paul went for the pot, the winks went in the air and the result was a complete pile-flip. Cambridge thus had the sixth of his winks under in their area without even having to make the effort to squop it. Dave & Ben then played solidly for a straightforward 6^*-1^* conversion. On the other mats, both Ed & Nick and Jason & Andy achieved squop-ups, and even Rupert & Jon woke up to get a 6-1. There was, however, one moment of drama. An accidental failure-to-free in round 5 gave Poss a nominated wink ending round 5 against Jason & Andy. He had the choice of several tricky pots/lunches, or a squop off a pile to free some winks and take out an opponent at the same time. He chose the latter course, and achieved only part of his objective to give another scoreline of $5\frac{1}{2}$ to Jason & Andy. The round though had gone convincingly to Cambridge ($23\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$), and they needed only another $3\frac{5}{6}$ points in the last round to secure victory.

Rupert decided to try and end the battle in style by going for the blitz. He was not altogether successful, and the game finally ended to everyone's relief when Jon managed to pot his partner's sixth wink. There were wins for Ed & Nick and Dave & Ben, but the important question was would there be a singable scoreline? Jason & Andy, under orders to obtain a score with a fraction in it, obliged by achieving an astonishing fourth successive $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ win in a row, surely some kind of record.

All in all this was a good performance by CUTwC to end up winners by 74-38. Their weakest pairing on paper (Jason & Andy) emerged unbeaten as top point-scorers, while the stronger pairing of Rupert & Jon only just made it to half points. On the OUTS side Rupert & Paul played well and posed problems in all their games to get $14\frac{1}{2}$ points; this would have been even more if Paul's blitz attempt had been successful. James & Simon will be a bit disappointed with only $7\frac{1}{2}$ points as they looked Oxford's strongest pair on paper, while Chris & Ed will be sorry not to have won a game.

Every year there seems to be the cry, "We'll get you next year" from Oxford, and the OUTS side does indeed look as if it will be stronger next year. However, Cambridge too will be stronger, and the fresh faces within their team played particularly well. We'll just have to wait and see what happens.

The 1993 Varsity Match

CUTwC	OUTS	James Orwell & Simon Julier	Rupert Wilson & Paul Roberts	Chris Wilson & Ed Porter	Robin Smale & Poss Ellis	
Rupert Thompson & Jon Marchant	1*	6*	6	1	6	14
Andy Milligan & Jason Westley	1½	5½	1½	1½	1½	22
Ed Wynn & Nick Reid	1	6	1	1	6	19
Dave Clarkson & Ben Deane	4	3	1*	6*	3	19
	7½	14½	4½	11½		

Match score :

CUTwC 74 - 38 OUTS**Some random thoughts**

Why isn't the Cullingham squop known as a Cullingham sub?

Jon Mapley has claimed "No wink's impottible": how about a tombstone leaning slightly away from the pot?

The OUTS definition of a "poss" (squop attempt that falls hopeless short) put a whole new complexion on the phrase "every squop is poss-able".

Phil Carmody "once bought Liz Bertoya in a slave-auction", fortunately not referring to the CUTwC personality of the early 1980's.

The Oxfordshire Open

Wadham College, Oxford, 7th March 1993

by Chris Wilson

The Oxfordshire Open. What happened this year? Well, for some strange reason I agreed to organise it, and for an even stranger reason agreed to write it up. What happened? Well there were 17 pairs and 1 one-person pair, and in line with statistics one of the pairs won.

Another win for statistics was the pair Wiseman & Gandy who insisted on bidding $5\frac{2}{3}$ throughout saying that they could get it, but they didn't. Also from this pair, well from Wiseman actually, was the click bring-in, now illegal. One of the best single game performances was Sage & Deane beating Myers & Rose, the only team to do so, and also bidding that they would. Quite an achievement since Myers & Rose were both at the time in the top 12 in the world with Myers world champion, while Sage & Deane aren't, but I won't be surprised if one of them is in the not too distant future.

Purvis & Reid suffered from an ambitious first round bid against Myers & Rose to get a negative score, but recovered well, so that in round 5 they were in second place and had to face Relle & A. Dean. Another ambitious bid saw them drop back with only a remote chance of winning the tournament, but this didn't stop them trying. Relle & A. Dean were in good form for the first five rounds, bidding 6 and getting 6 each time to make me remember my 12 times table. But they suffered in their last two games to drop back even though they bid more conservatively. Cullingham & Thompson recovered from second last after five rounds to finish 10th at the end after Thompson was replaced by Clarkson; they scored more in both of the last two rounds than in the first five added together. Scarrott & Jeffreys get an award for the lowest score for a round with -6, after bidding 6 and getting, err..., well 0.

The last round saw Myers & Rose in second place playing Smale & Carmody (not amongst the leaders), while Wynn & Barrie in third place took on Relle & A. Dean who were in first. After bids were made, Wynn & Barrie knew that they needed at least five points to stand a chance of winning the tournament. Barrie brought in well and had all six at a nice potting distance. Both Relle & A. Dean went for Barrie but didn't get him, although Relle did get Dean; Barrie potted five but missed the last allowing Relle to send Dean close to Barrie; Dean uncharacteristically missed the important squop. Barrie potted out, and Wynn & Barrie won 6-1. After a bit of calculation, this meant that Myers & Rose needed 6 to win the tournament, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ to tie. It was a close game with Myers & Rose slightly ahead throughout. In round 4 Smale dopped a wink leaving him two flat on the mat, which if potted would result in him beating Myers. Myers successfully made a difficult pot off a pile, putting the pressure on Smale to make both pots in round five. The second pot attempt missed, leaving Rose with a simple 1-inch squop for a 6-1 win. So Myers & Rose won the Oxfordshire Open. Congratulations to them from O.U.T.S.

The adjusted score is calculated as twice the game score obtained minus the modulus of the difference between the bid and obtained score.

Oxfordshire Open 1993

Opponents	Bid
Score	Adjusted score

		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5		Round 6		Round 7		Tot.	Pos
A	A. Dean	B	6	R	6	D	6	I	6	F	6	E	4	J	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
	C. Relle	6	12	6	12	6	12	6	12	6	12	1	-1	1*	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
B	N. Chaudhri	A	3	L	5	O	6	E	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	P	6	H	6	R	4	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	15=
	G. Keyte	1	0	4	7	6	12	0*	-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	6	3	3	1*	-1		
C	S. Julier	D	2	Q	6	J	1	L	4	I	4	F	4	K	1	38	7
	J. Marchant	1	1	6*	12	3	4	6*	10	3	5	1	-1	6*	7		
D	A. Grant	C	6	K	3	A	3	P	6	E	3	J	3	F	6	49	4
	N. Inglis	6	12	6	9	1	0	7*	13	2	3	2	3	5	9		
E	G. Myers	F	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	P	6	I	6	B	6	D	6	A	5	L	6	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
	M. Rose	6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	9	2	0	7*	13	5	9	6	11	6	12		
F	A. Purvis	E	4	H	7	R	6	M	6	A	6	C	6	D	7	43	6
	N. Reid	1	-1	6	11	7*	13	6	12	1	-3	6	12	2	-1		
G	J. Cullingham	H	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	M	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	K	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	O	7	L	5	Q	6	N	6	35 $\frac{1}{3}$	10
	R. Thompson	6	9 $\frac{2}{3}$	1	- $\frac{2}{3}$	1	- $\frac{2}{3}$	4	5	1	-2	6	12	6	12		
H	S. Dean	G	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	F	1	Q	6	R	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	N	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	B	3	O	5	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
	A. Milligan	1	-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	4	6	1*	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	7	4	7		
I	B. Deane	J	1	N	6	E	6	A	4	C	6	K	6	P	6	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
	S. Sage	4	5	6	12	5	9	1	-1	4	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	12		
J	P. Barrie	I	5	O	6	C	4	K	3	M	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	D	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	A	6	64	2
	E. Wynn	3	4	5	9	4	8	7*	10	6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6*	12		
K	S. Gandy	L	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	D	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	G	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	J	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	R	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	I	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	C	5 $\frac{2}{3}$	28 $\frac{5}{6}$	13
	J. Wiseman	6	11 $\frac{2}{3}$	1	-2 $\frac{2}{3}$	6	11 $\frac{2}{3}$	0*	-5 $\frac{2}{3}$	6	11 $\frac{2}{3}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{5}{6}$	1*	-2 $\frac{2}{3}$		
L	P. Carmody	K	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	B	5	N	4	C	3	G	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	M	5	E	1	36 $\frac{1}{6}$	8
	R. Smale	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	3	4	6	10	1*	0	6	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	11	1	2		
M	R. Wilson	N	3	G	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	P	4	F	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	J	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	L	6	Q	5	30 $\frac{2}{3}$	12
	P. Woodman	4	7	6	9 $\frac{2}{3}$	3	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	-3	5	10		

		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5		Round 6		Round 7		Tot.	Pos
N	C. Edwards	M	5	I	3	L	$2\frac{1}{3}$	Q	6	H	$2\frac{1}{3}$	P	4	G	$3\frac{1}{2}$		
	J. Porter	3	4	1	0	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	3	$5\frac{1}{3}$	2	2	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	16	17
O	P. Roberts	P	2	J	2	B	4	G	3	Q	4	R	4	H	5		
	K. Woolfitt	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2	4	1	-1	3	6	6*	10	1	-1	3	4	$24\frac{1}{2}$	15=
P	J. Westley	O	$5\frac{1}{2}$	E	$1\frac{1}{2}$	M	$5\frac{1}{2}$	D	$1\frac{1}{2}$	B	$5\frac{1}{2}$	N	$5\frac{1}{2}$	I	3		
	J. Williams	$5\frac{1}{2}$	11	2	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$6\frac{1}{2}$	0*	$-1\frac{1}{2}$	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	5	$9\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$32\frac{1}{2}$	11
Q	C. Goddard	R	1	C	6	H	4	N	3	O	5	G	1	M	2		
	(singles)	1	2	1*	-3	3	5	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1*	-2	1	2	2	4	$14\frac{1}{2}$	18
R	T. Jeffreys	Q	6	A	5	F	6	H	7	K	5	O	7	B	6		
	P. Scarrott	6	12	1	-2	0*	-6	6*	11	1	-2	6	11	6*	12	36	9

Summary		w/l/d	Total	Scored	Bid	Error	Average
1	Geoff Myers & Matthew Rose	6/1	$65\frac{1}{2}$	37	$28\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	9.357
2	Patrick Barrie & Ed Wynn	6/1	64	36	28	8	9.143
3	Alan Dean & Charles Relle	5/2	$57\frac{1}{2}$	32	$25\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	8.214
4	Alasdair Grant & Nick Inglis	4/3	49	29	20	9	7.000
5	Ben Deane & Stew Sage	5/1/1	$47\frac{1}{2}$	$29\frac{1}{2}$	18	$11\frac{1}{2}$	6.786
6	Andy Purvis & Nick Reid	4/3	43	29	14	15	6.143
7	Simon Julier & Jon Marchant	3/4	38	26	12	14	5.429
8	Phil Carmody & Robin Smale	3/4	$36\frac{1}{6}$	24	$12\frac{1}{6}$	$11\frac{5}{6}$	5.167
9	Tim Jeffreys & Phil Scarrott	4/3	36	26	10	16	5.143
10	James Cullingham & Rupert Thompson/Dave Clarkson	4/3	$35\frac{1}{3}$	25	$10\frac{1}{3}$	$14\frac{2}{3}$	5.048
11	Jason Westley & Jon Williams	3/4	$32\frac{1}{2}$	$20\frac{1}{2}$	12	$8\frac{1}{2}$	4.643
12	Rupert Wilson & Paul Woodman	3/4	$30\frac{2}{3}$	21	$9\frac{2}{3}$	$11\frac{1}{3}$	4.381
13	Simon Gandy & Julian Wiseman	3/3/1	$28\frac{5}{6}$	$23\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{3}$	$18\frac{1}{6}$	4.119
14	Simon Dean & Andy Milligan	4/3	$28\frac{1}{2}$	19	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	4.071
15=	Naveed Chaudhri & Gavin Keyte	3/4	$24\frac{1}{2}$	19	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	3.500
15=	Paul Roberts & Kate Woolfitt	1/6	$24\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}$	7	$10\frac{1}{2}$	3.500
17	Cyril Edwards & Julian Porter	0/6/1	16	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	13	2.286
18	Chris Goddard	0/6/1	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	2	$10\frac{1}{2}$	2.071

ETwA Congress 1993- Tournament Changes?

by Matthew Rose

At the past two ETwA committee meetings, consideration has been given to swapping some of the tournaments around to meet certain clubs' requests for encouraging (or not discouraging) some more junior members to attend. Whilst there was no clear majority either way with regard to swapping the National Pairs and Singles (or one with the Oxfordshire), it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at Congress with a view to implementing any agreed swap of the Pairs and Singles from the calendar year 1994 onwards.

The rationale set out below reflects my personal views, and not necessarily those of other committee members, but may help focus on certain issues:

Advantages

- The two 'National Pairs' in Britain would not be held in short succession (assuming that the ScotTwA Pairs remains in April).
- Holding the Singles (a one-day tournament for most people) in the exam term rather than the Pairs (a two-day tournament) may not discourage undergraduates from attending, as appears to have been the case recently.
- Certain American winkers who often travel to Britain for the Singles (but not the Pairs) would not have any possible clash with Thanksgiving if the Singles was held in April/May.

Disadvantages

- The 'status quo' of the first academic term including at least one 'serious' national tournament is maintained, and could discourage undergraduates (although this does not appear to have been a problem in recent years).
- No 'serious' tournament is included in the second academic term among a set of largely 'fun' tournaments, i.e. the Cambridge and Oxfordshire Opens (although for students the Varsity and Silver Wink matches do take place in this term).

The Scottish Pairs

Tombstone marks ScotTwA's return from the grave

Students' Union, St. Andrews, 17th-18th April March 1993

This is a condensed version of the full-length report that appeared in the first edition of *The Squopsman* in June.

The Greek League by Bruce Turnbull

A gentle first round with a full house of 4-3's ensued before Jon Mapley & Charles Relle, Nick Inglis & Tony Heading, and Geoff Myers & Julian Cole eased into the first of many 6-1 wins. It was not until round 3 that Geoff & Julian brought home the first of only three Greek pot-outs: a 7-0 blitz against StATS pair Jeremy Money & Darren Higgins.

This first round after lunch at the Wine Bar also revealed that Patrick Barrie's volume control had stuck on maximum; the shot-by-shot commentary was clearly audible as far as Auchtermuchty. As the wins moved to 6's and 5½'s, it became evident that the gentle start was nothing to do with adapting to the sea air and indeed was nothing that a few pints of 80/ could not solve. The other pot-outs were in round 4; a 7-0 for Jon & Charles against Bruce & Graham (Turnbull)², with a close final wink battle for 2nd place. Jon repeatedly suffering from St. Rule's Tower Syndrome: reaching the top and jumping off. The other was Nick & Tony's 6-1 put down against Patrick & John Stevens who were seriously looking like second day contenders.

Round 5 saw fifth seeds, James Cullingham & Ed Wynn, start to pick up their p.p.g. after their harder matches earlier in the day, but it was to prove too late for them to see their way into Sunday's play. In the final round (Turnbull)² abandoned their usual tactics of an erratic bring-in and becoming squopped up in rounds. Their new tactics resulted in the final flourish of a 4-3 win against Alasdair Grant & Ray Schöne. Nick Inglis & Tony Heading came home first for the day without a loss, followed by Jon & Charles, half a point behind. Also through to Sunday were two StATS players John Stevens and Julian Cole, paired with Patrick Barrie and Geoff Myers, respectively.

The Roman League by Ben Soares

The top two pairs were Richard Moore & Julian Wiseman and Matthew Rose & Stew Sage. Due to a miscalculation by Ben Soares (that's me folks!) we had the top two seeds in each league playing each other first. Richard & Julian came out on top with 6 points. Meanwhile, down on Table 3, Ben was successfully freeing Julian Porter's last remaining unpotted wink to pave the way for a 7-0 loss. Still, I don't play this game to win (just as well, really).

Matthew & Stew went on to get four pot-outs, although in Ben & Jo Mitchell's game against them there were (more or less) 24 free winks flat on the mat after a few minutes, but an unspoken mutual decision seemed to suggest someone should try and squop something. Andy Purvis & Tim Butterworth got only four points from their first 3 games but managed to squeeze into the quarter-finals with a 7-0 in the last round, whilst Julian Porter & Elizabeth Whalley lost 0-7 to Matthew & Stew in the last round when 2 points would have put them equal with Andy & Tim.

Julian & Richard played consistently: against Ben & Jo they had a well-engineered 7-0 pot-out ("they might have squopped us up or potted out... or both"). It was almost like being a patient on an operating table! Chris Rudd & Rupert Wilson also played well, and 6 points in the last round saw them into Sunday.

David Jackson & Sarah Watson valiantly battled through the day, but despite three 0's enjoyed themselves and even turned up to watch the final. (Might I point out that no-one would dare beat Sarah 7-0 in a StATS meeting without fear of being tickled to death). I didn't really see much of Elizabeth & Julian during their matches, but I'd better say they almost got through or something like that. Nick Reid, who may be coming to St. Andrews next year, and our youngest competitor Nigel Money did very well, winning the majority

of their games, and hopefully giving a bit of tiddlywinking enthusiasm to a younger generation in Scotland.

It's a Knock-out! by Bruce Turnbull

The second day began (for more winkers than expected in 7 Fife Park) to the dulcet tones of Steeleye Span before winkers and hangovers were once more trundled down the road to the Union Building. The second round had been declared a two game knock-out with Greeks playing Romans in the quarter-finals. The top four seeds went through with relative ease, though Nick & Tony were held to a 4-3 win by Andy & Tim in the first game, before becoming squopped up twice in the second. With Stew & Matthew 5-2 ahead going into their second game, John & Patrick fought back in a very tight game before going down $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ at the finish. Richard & Julian W. and Charles & Jon knocked up the same, more comfortable, wins of 5-2 and 6-1 over Geoff & Julian C. and Chris & Rupert respectively to move through and meet in the semis.

Nick & Tony won their first semi-final game giving Matthew & Stew much to do to catch up. In the second game with rounds underway and Stew squopped up, Matthew put a wink into the pot from 18" leaving only one free to bomb the pile. This dislodged only one wink, so Nick & Tony had nothing left to do to win 6-1 and take their place in the final. Richard & Julian led in their match against Charles & Jon at lunch with a close 4-3. The most striking match of the tournament followed their return from the Wine Bar. Winks were brought out into four separate territories and with nobody attempting a squop (the nearest being a good 7"), a race for the pot became inevitable. Jon (blue) made the decision to bring in his 6th wink for the counter pot, assuming that Richard would miss his 15" shot. Richard (green) however, managed the 7th turn pot-out with apparent ease. The tie could no longer be saved, even with Charles second and Jon third. The number one seeds were out and the Roman League winners were through to the final.

The Final by Bruce Turnbull

After their stunning semi-final win, Julian & Richard were perhaps over eager to go for the quick pot-out in the first half of the final. They must have been encouraged by the repeated squop misses by red as 5 yellows were sunk in the pot. With both blue and red taking the final yellow, green started to play some spectacular long distance bombing attempts to free his partner, but to no avail. The inevitable converted pot-out took place to give Nick and Tony a 5-2 lead worthy (if anything ever can become worthy!) of the way they turned the game round after a desperate start.

From the start of game 2 Tony was unsure about his bringing in and with his second blue landing within a centimetre of two yellows, sucking in a red to form the first pile. Comments such as "...a very sad position...", and "...the first death of the positional game...", started to fly between the Scots' pair. With all winks brought in, the game suddenly became tighter with few mobile winks and a complicated 14 wink pile up forming. Green (Richard) then unintentionally played the most remarkable shot of the tournament, just

Scottish Pairs 1993

Roman Division		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total	Pos.
A	Richard Moore Julian Wiseman	–	6	6*	7*	4½	7*	5	6*	41½	1
B	Stew Sage Matthew Rose	1	–	6*	5	6	7*	7*	7*	39	2
C	Andy Purvis Tim Butterworth	1*	1*	–	6	6	7*	2	2	25	4
D	Ben Soares Jo Mitchell	0*	2	1	–	1	5	0*	2	11	7
E	Rupert Wilson Christopher Rudd	2½	1	1	6	–	5	5	5*	25½	3
F	David Jackson Sarah Watson	0*	0*	0*	2	2	–	3	1½	8½	8
G	Elizabeth Whalley Julian Porter	2	0*	5	7*	2	4	–	3	23	5
H	Nick Reid Nigel Money	1*	0*	5	5	2*	5½	4	–	22½	6

Greek Division		α	β	γ	δ	ε	ζ	η	θ	Total	Pos.
α	Jon Mapley Charles Relle	–	3	6	6	7*	6	5½	6	39½	2
β	Nick Inglis Anthony Heading	4	–	6	6	6	6	6	6*	40	1
γ	James Cullingham Ed Wynn	1	1	–	5½	6	4	1	3	21½	5
δ	Alasdair Grant Ray Schöne	1	1	1½	–	3	6	4	3	19½	6
ε	Bruce Turnbull Graham Turnbull	0*	1	1	4	–	3	1	1	11	7=
ζ	Darren Higgins Jeremy Money	1	1	3	1	4	–	0*	1	11	7=
η	Geoff Myers Julian Cole	1½	1	6	3	6	7*	–	1	25½	4
θ	Patrick Barrie John Stevens	1	1*	4	4	6	6	6	–	28	3

inside time; his wink clipped a large yellow, raising it to a near vertical position, flanked by two blues, though supported by only one; the top edge was deemed to be the one distant to the pot. As the crowd grew, Patrick, knowledgeably, declared it the first "tombstone" to be seen in a national competition.

In round one, Tony, while playing his small blue not squopped by the tombstone, accidentally clipped the large yellow with his squidger, flattening it. The umpiring decision was that it had to be replaced as it constituted a separate pile from the little blue. The combined efforts of the world pairs champions failed to resurrect the wink so Nick Inglis pushed his way through the crowd to prop it up deftly, daring anyone to challenge its new angle.

As the tension mounted umpires were called to judge almost every shot, the players (bar one) taking their opportunities to "bugger off to Cleethorpes for a wazz". As all four concentrated on taking control of the large pile, blue managed "only" the doubleton of yellows on top, leaving yellow one tiddly ahead of blue and red (green being in the commanding position in round 5). Green passed in round 5 leaving red (Nick) an 8" pot to draw the final. Red's miss meant that yellow could pass to end the game with no potted winks. Blue 1, green 6, red 1, yellow 2: the 6-1 win snatched the Scottish Pairs for Julian & Richard in a thrilling final.

Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
R. Moore J. Wiseman 5, 6 11	R. Moore J. Wiseman 4, 5* 9	R. Moore J. Wiseman 2*, 6 8
G. Myers J. Cole 2, 1 3	J. Mapley C. Relle 3, 2* 5	
J. Mapley C. Relle 5, 6 11		
R. Wilson C. Rudd 2, 1 3		
N. Inglis A. Heading 4, 6 10	N. Inglis A. Heading 5, 6 11	
A. Purvis T. Butterworth 3, 1 4		
M. Rose S. Sage 5, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Rose S. Sage 2, 1 3	
P. Barrie J. Stevens 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
		N. Inglis A. Heading 5*, 1 6
		R. Moore J. Wiseman

Cleethorpes: An Appreciation

by Matthew Rose

"It's near Grimsby and it rains a lot"- but what else is known about this fine seaside town that is the pride of Humberside and is around 25 miles from a flagship among suspension bridges?

Well for a start it's been mentioned in Prime Minister's Question Time, with the cleanliness of its beaches from the swimmers' viewpoint provoking hot debate. Also, the friendliness of the townfolk is noteworthy, ranging from the car-park attendant at FantasyWorld (where ALL your dreams can come true) to the sub-post office staff (producers of electoral registers on demand).

The tourist information centre is a focal point, and has a wide range of pastel coloured and landmark T-shirts, and is near the fine hostelryes and watering holes, such as Mermaid café (a.k.a. World of Lard) which does quality mushy peas for the brave. By legend, Sutherland and Willy's brewery also provide quality resting points.

Moving swiftly past the apology for a pier, the genuine natural waterfall, the leisure centre, the steam railway and one of the few British Rail stations on the seafront, there are also a fine range of other typical seafront amusements for your entertainment.

But why am I informing you of this?

Apart from it being one of the few places in Britain NOT further west of Bristol, it also must be the sensible stop-off point between almost anywhere in the North and anywhere in the South (or vice versa).

It is also the birthplace of a legendary winker whose fame has even reached the tourist information centre, and homage can be paid along Cromwell Road. As the first Brit to earn world challenges from three different tournaments in Britain, surely Freedom of Cleethorpes, statues, replica buses and a visit from Geoffrey, Bungle, George and Zippy must be imminent.

I can also inform you that stopping off at such a witty place prior to a tournament will definitely put you in a great frame of mind and improve your chances of an enjoyable weekend. I can certainly say that after a visit there winks tournaments have changed their complexion and are events to enjoy and savour.

So detour galore! Make Cleethorpes your stop en route. Allegedly it doesn't rain that much either, but find out for yourself!

Personal Column

After a hard tournament do you find that your fingers are tired? Do you suffer from winkers' cramp? Help is at hand. Masseur offers hand relief. Contact April Date.

The ETwA National Pairs 1993

Queens' College, Cambridge, 1st-2nd May 1993

by Richard Moore

1993 already? Ooo-er...

A field of forty-four made this year's the largest ever Pairs under the present format- and this only a fortnight after the ScotTwA event in St. Andrews. Is our appetite for tournament winks insatiable? Perhaps the extra interest was because this year it was wide open: Myers & Purvis were to surrender their three-year monopoly on the title, and each partnered an inexperienced player... this didn't stop one of them coming uncomfortably close in the end, however. It was good to see four StATS players south of the border too, and although they didn't win much, I hope they had a good time and wish them better success next year.

The record numbers forced a move away from the tried and tested all-play-all format to two leagues with six qualifiers each. Alas, ETwA didn't quite have the imagination to call the leagues "Cambridge Nargs" and "Old Farts", although this is what it looked like once the draw had been made.

So what happened? Well, it all got off to a fairly slow start; indeed by 3 o'clock on the first afternoon Patrick Barrie & Richard Moore had only played one game, thanks to a bye and some very late arrivals from lunch at the Town and Gown. There were one or two unusual incidents, however, including a tombstone (the second in a fortnight) in the game between Stu Collins & James Cullingham and Andy Purvis & Paul Woodman. Andy had knocked one of Stu's winks off a pile, and it came to rest vertically up against the pot, where after much discussion it was left, supporting (at another crazy angle) the wink Andy had used. In the Old Farts league, four out of five games in round three ended in pot-outs. No prizes for guessing that this was the round after lunch.

At the overnight stage, not a lot had been settled and, pausing only to rant interminably about the rules, the winkers divisively headed for pubs at opposite ends of town. At the Red Bull, Julian Wiseman displayed a ready wit when asked for a word to rhyme with "trousers". I suppose "schmousers" should have been obvious, really. At the Druids, meanwhile, Geoff Thorpe was gamely trying to pronounce the word "rivers".

The following morning, the Cambridge Nargs league had the closest finish, with Stu & James getting the win they needed in the last game to edge out Alasdair Grant & Jason Westley for a qualifying place. Alasdair & Jason had narrowly lost their own game to Tony Heading & Julian Wiseman, although at one stage a three-way tie between these pairs had been possible, which would have delayed matters considerably.¹

At this stage, the qualifiers sat back to watch the tournament organiser deduct most of their points (those gained against the eventual non-qualifiers).

¹ ... not to mention making the tournament organiser cry. Ed.

<i>Qualifying Division A</i>		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Tot.	Pos.
A	J. Mapley & M. Surridge	-	6	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	6	7*	6	6	7*	6	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
B	A. Dean & C. Relle	1	-	6	3	1	4	1	6	7*	7*	6	42	5
C	A. Boyce & J. Carrington	1	1	-	3	2	6*	2*	7*	6	6	6	40	6
D	R. Cartwright & P. Scarrott	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	-	4	5	6	3	5	7*	7*	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
E	D. Clarkson & G. Myers	5	6	5	3	-	4	3	3	6	5	6	46	3
F	P. Carmody & N. Reid	1	3	1*	2	3	-	1	1	4	6	4	26	8
G	G. Thorpe & C. Wilson	0*	6	5*	1	4	6	-	6	6	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
H	B. Deane & R. Thompson	1	1	0*	4	4	6	1	-	7*	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
I	S. Phillips & P. Roberts	1	0*	1	2	1	3	1	0*	-	1*	6	16	10
J	G. Keyte & K. Woolfitt	0*	0*	1	0*	2	1	1	1	6*	-	5	17	9
K	J. Cole & J. Mitchell	1	1	1	0*	1	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	-	14	11

<i>Qualifying Division B</i>		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Tot.	Pos.
A	P. Barrie & R. Moore	-	6*	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6*	6*	5	6	7*	6	6	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
B	S. Gandy & M. Rose	1*	-	4	4	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	6	7*	6	6	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	3=
C	A. Heading & J. Wiseman	1	3	-	5	1*	3	2	6	6	7*	7*	41	5
D	A. Grant & J. Westley	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	-	2	2*	6	6	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	35	7
E	I. Gameson & N. Inglis	1*	4	6*	5	-	1	6	6	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5*	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	3=
F	A. Purvis & P. Woodman	1*	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	5*	6	-	2	6	7*	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	48	2
G	S. Collins & J. Cullingham	2	1	5	1	1	5	-	6	4	6	6	37	6
H	A. Milligan & J. Williams	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	5	2	4	18	10
I	D. Carslake & A. Dominey	0*	0*	1	6	2	0*	3	2	-	6	3	23	8
J	T. Butterworth & B. Turnbull	1	1	0*	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	1	-	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
K	P. Clark & S. Dean	1	1	0*	1	2*	1	1	3	4	6	-	20	9

Patrick & Richard lost 30 $\frac{1}{2}$, but were still ahead of the rest. Alan Boyce & Jim Carrington were perhaps hardest done by, the 40 points they had carefully amassed being reduced to nine. Each qualifier then played the qualifiers from the other league in the final six games of the weekend. I must admit that my memory at this point is a little hazy- not because the pressure was getting to me, but because I still had a terrible hangover. But the way Tony & Julian were getting on each other's backs was very memorable.

As the afternoon wore on, Jon Mapley & Mike Surridge, in second place, were steadily catching up Patrick & Richard by dint of winning by

bigger margins, and with only two games to play they actually went ahead. The next round, however, saw Patrick & Richard notch up a useful 6-1 against Geoff Myers & Dave/Walter Clarkson (I don't think I've seen Geoff play as badly as he did in this game since about 1986),¹ whilst Jon & Mike lost to Andy & Paul. The fortunes of this game could be followed at a distance by listening to Andy's increasingly vociferous congratulations after each of his partner's shots.

In the final game, therefore, Jon & Mike needed to beat Patrick & Richard by at least $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Inevitably, with so much at stake, it developed into an Inglis game and on this occasion it was Jon & Mike who made the mistakes while Richard kept three or four of his greens free to secure a win.

Andy & Paul were third, overtaking Ian Gameson & Nick Inglis in the last round, whilst some of the pre-tournament favourites were quite a long way back. Third seeds Simon Gandy & Matthew Rose were equal fifth, despite Simon's invention of something called a "poke and squirt" shot, and Alan Dean & Charles Relle, seeded fourth, finished a disappointing ninth.

Richard confidently ascribed this, his second Pairs success in a fortnight (tawdry self-glorification), to the psychological advantage of playing yellow and green throughout ("I hate playing yellow", Patrick had said before every squidge-off; "I love playing green", Richard had replied). Other top tips for tournament fitness include wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Cleethorpes Giles Pickering on it and not drinking any coffee. Would other readers like to share their tournament preparation secrets?

National Pairs Final 1993		A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	Tot.	Pos.
A1	Mapley & Surridge	-	2	$5\frac{1}{2}$	7*	6	6	2	1	6	7*	6	6	$54\frac{1}{2}$	2
A2	Clarkson & Myers	5	-	3	3	6	5	1	2	1	1*	6	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$38\frac{1}{2}$	5=
A3	Cartwright & Scarrott	$1\frac{1}{2}$	4	-	6	4	4	2	6	1	6	2	1	$37\frac{1}{2}$	7
A4	Thorpe & C. Wilson	0*	4	1	-	6	5*	2	4	0*	3	6	4	35	8
A5	A. Dean & Relle	1	1	3	1	-	6	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	1	6	6	$33\frac{1}{2}$	9
A6	Boyce & Carrington	1	2	3	2*	1	-	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	5*	1*	4	2*	$24\frac{1}{2}$	12
B1	Barrie & Moore	5	6	5	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	-	6*	6*	6*	5	6	$61\frac{1}{2}$	1
B2	Purvis & Woodman	6	5	1	3	6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1*	-	6	$5\frac{1}{2}$	2	4	44	3
B3	Gameson & Inglis	1	6	6	7*	1	2*	1*	1	-	4	6	6*	41	4
B4	Gandy & Rose	0*	6*	1	4	6	6*	1*	$1\frac{1}{2}$	3	-	6	4	$38\frac{1}{2}$	5=
B5	Collins & Cullingham	1	1	5	1	1	3	2	5	1	1	-	5	26	11
B6	Heading & Wiseman	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	6	3	1	5*	1	3	1*	3	2	-	$27\frac{1}{2}$	10

¹ Geoff's play in this game can be summed up by his attempt to pot one of his winks's off the top of a three-wink pile: his wink missed, but the other two went in! Ed.

Rules Are Made to be Rewritten

by Patrick Barrie

Here's a short summary of the changes made at the last rules meeting (at the ETwA Pairs). Representatives from ScotTwA were also present, and they endorsed the ETwA version of the rules. A number of minor rewordings were agreed, but only three real changes were made as detailed below. Copies of the current rules are available at most tournaments or from Patrick Barrie on request.

Rules changes- agreed new wordings

1. RULE 5(a)

Addition of “, and from a position where they rest only on the mat” to outlaw the click bring-in.

2. RULE 11(b)

The so-called ‘potting at risk’ rule was approved, with the wording as in *Winking World* 60.

3. RULE 12, FOUL SHOTS AND FOUL PLAY

This rule has been rewritten in its entirety based on the Rick Tucker wording that appeared in the last *Newswink*. This means that if someone plays out of turn the offended side can choose which of their colours to play. The new wording is:

“(a) If a player squidges a wink contrary to Rule 5(b) or 11, it is a foul shot, and his opponents have two options:

(i) They may require him to replace all the winks disturbed by the foul shot, and play a further shot as part of the same turn. He need not attempt the same shot as caused the illegality.

(ii) They may accept the shot in its entirety. They cannot accept part and have part replayed.

(b) If a player plays a wink other than his rightful colour (apart from the case of playing a nominated wink, see Rule 11(d)), or plays his colour when it is not his turn, this is also a foul shot. The opponents have two options:

(i) They may have the shot, and any shot subsequent to it in the same turn that was played before the foul shot was noticed, retracted.

(ii) They may accept the shot or shots. If the opponents accept such a turn, play continues with either of their own colours of their choice.

(c) If an opponent plays a shot subsequent to a foul shot, this is equivalent to accepting it; his shot must stand (unless it is a foul shot), and the sequence of colours must be continued from that turn.

(d) If a player deliberately interferes with any wink or winks, the pot or the mat, or deliberately impedes any other player, the penalty is that the game is declared ended, and all seven points are awarded to the player's opponents. During his own turn, however, a player may turn or clean any of his own winks which is neither squopping nor squopped nor potted, and replace it in its correct position.

(e) Any time taken to correct a foul shot is not counted as part of the game.”

It was felt that this wording tidied up the rule considerably, and would eliminate a lot of messy situations that come up in games when someone plays out of turn and it's not noticed immediately. It was recognised that this new wording would have to be carefully reviewed in the light of experience. It was also recognised that certain anomalous situations could arise in rounds with this rule (e.g. where half a round might be missed). This was not felt to be a major drawback, however, as the offended side know this fact when choosing which colour to play, while the side careless enough to play out of sequence should have been concentrating!

Rules changes- future proposal

One aspect of the new rule 12 that has arisen is that if a player pots a wink out of sequence, then his turn comes to an end if the opponents choose to accept the shot. This is a change from previous practice but felt by many to be advisable. There will be a rules change proposed at the next rules meeting that in the event of a foul shot being accepted, the turn comes to an end immediately, regardless of whether any winks were potted or not. This will mainly affect the situation when people pot winks out of piles illegally. This change is felt by many (though not everyone) to be logical and consistent.

Rules changes- nightmares still awaiting treatment

Problems involving Cullingham squops still are causing difficulty, not that they crop up that often. Also, who misses a turn (if anyone) when a wink is sent off the mat by someone playing the wrong colour inadvertently and the shot is accepted is also causing difficulty. This doesn't crop up very often either.

World Singles 38

University College, Oxford, 9th May 1993

by Poss

I'm not sure what I'm supposed to write for this, so I'll start with the scores, as that seems to be one of the most exciting things about this match.

World Singles 38	Game Scores					Total
Geoff Myers	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7*	29
Andy Purvis	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0*	6

Well, what actually happened during the games is probably what you are wondering. It was really quite dull in the main, as these things go. In my short time of winking, I have seen both players play better, more entertaining winks than they did today. On the whole, Andy played defensively, and missed too much, whereas Geoff didn't miss so often, and so came out on top. That really brings to an end my preliminary conclusion, so on to a brief

description of the games themselves. (I am afraid that in many of the games I was not aware exactly what was going on, or why, and talking to Andy afterwards, I think I am not the only one.)

Game 1. Actually, before game one Andy won the toss (little did he know at the time it was to be the only thing he'd win all afternoon) and elected to let Geoff choose corners, who elected Andy to choose, and amidst this confusion, the first squidge-off began, which Geoff won. It had been decided that the squidge-off winner in each game would play yellow, so Andy played red & blue all afternoon. Soon after the game began, Geoff had built up quite a strong area, so Andy decided to pot out, but only managed to get one in. Geoff then took out reds with 11 minutes to go, and from here on Andy would have had to play well to get back, but didn't. By half-way through rounds Andy was down to one wink and didn't do much with it, thus losing 1-6.

Game 2. After winning the squidge-off, Geoff unluckily brought in three greens to make a tripton, which Andy failed to take effectively. Geoff then claimed this area as his own, whilst Andy's were in two distinct regions separated by the pot. Andy played better than in the first game, doing some good pile shots so that by rounds he was looking at a 6-1 win (so he claims- I couldn't tell, but then again I am pretty stupid) with green not having any mobile winks. During rounds, however, things took a decidedly sinister turn for the worse as Andy missed a vital free yellow, but he did pot a blue and then piss himself (in the lavatory, fortunately). Yellow potted, to put it in joint first place. Andy then tried the "Jaffa Cake" red high on another red, aimed to take two greens while potting, but missed the lot to leave green in the running. Geoff potted a yellow, to get overall first, and a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ win.

Game 3. This game was much more one-sided, with Andy missing more than last time, but getting a couple of long squops and an unfeasibly long Lennon. All in all, this was a dull game, and Geoff's relentless getting more shots than Andy paid off. Red was out of it well before time, and when it got a go, was not really effective. By rounds Geoff was looking at a 6-1, and although Andy did another complicated good shot, it wasn't much good as he got squopped up.

Game 4. By this stage Andy was really quite cross with himself. I could tell- he kept trying to pull out what remains of his hair. This helped his play, but not his squidging off. Andy tried an early pot-out, but didn't get far, only getting one in. Andy did produce one of the luckiest bring-ins I have ever seen- round a corner to land on a pile behind the pot, freeing one of his own winks on the way. Andy proceeded to build up a reasonable pile with 4 or 5 of Geoff's winks underneath, but Geoff got a yellow on it. Red failed to take this, and yellow's blew it up quite effectively, freeing 5 of his own winks. This was fairly near time, and by rounds Geoff had a fairly good position. Red did some heroic pile-bombing, helping potting, but Geoff did some good pile-merging to leave himself enough yellows to pot for first place. Red

missed a $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch pot, which would have been enough to take first, but as it was, Geoff kept first and a share of third to win $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$.

Game 5. Andy now needed a 7 and two 6's, so this game was surprisingly centred around the pot. Andy started to pot first with red, which had more long shots (but none squopped). He potted one, and brought in a long one. Geoff then missed a 15 inch pot with yellow, and squopped a red with green. Blue tried to bomb, and failed. Yellow then missed, potted, missed and finally potted out. Andy couldn't follow that and so didn't, and lost 0-7.

In conclusion, I can honestly say that I'm glad I took my trusty bottle of JD, as it was a very long and disappointing afternoon for me. I had hoped to see Andy win, or at least see some good play, and while there were some good shots here and there, it was not as good as one might have expected from a World Championship match.

Letters to the Editor

IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER IN WW60

Dear Sir,

My mummy always told me I was born at 1.15 on a Saturday afternoon.

Jon Mapley

Dear Sir,

What, if anything, happened after 1320?

Yours faithfully,

Richard J. Moore, M.A., M.Phil.

P.S. Why does Auntie Gertie have the same initials as Admiral Gorshkov? I think we should be told...¹

ON PROBABILITY THEORY

Dear Sir,

I wish to report that I have taken the action recommended by your correspondent "The Probability Monitor". In my game against the said Mr. Lockwood in the Finals of the North American Singles Championship I insisted he play red and blue from the non-sinister corners of the mat. This obviously proved so improbable that I was able to play sufficiently well that the game would rank in my all-time top five.

Yours,

St. George

P.S. Dear Novice Named Andrew,

If you are the scoundrel who potted out against Alan Dean and me in the London Open, then you should be flogged, sir!

¹ I blame the hard-line communists myself, but perhaps you should ask Alasdair Grant? Ed.

The Catford Invitation

by Charles Relle

The Catford was slimmed down to seven players this year, as Steve Phillips mysteriously did not arrive. Those present were Charles Relle, Sophie Agrell, Stu Collins, James Cullingham, Cyril Edwards, Andy Purvis and Ed Wynn, the last of whom was dining with Richard Moore in the evening and had to depart before the final round. This meant there was one 'Ghost' for the whole tournament, and two for the last round, so we adjusted the schedule to ensure that the two ghosts did not play together.

James Cullingham was last year's winner, and for the first three rounds he looked likely to retain his title. Partnering the host in the first round, he scored a 6 against Ed & Sophie. He scored another 6 with Stu in round 2, followed by yet another with Andy. This left him two points ahead of Andy, who had scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ and $5\frac{1}{2}$, the tournament's only two fractional scores, the latter being achieved with Sophie against Charles, who had attempted a pot-out and sunk three. Charles was now third on $10\frac{1}{2}$. Stu was now fourth, having scored 1 in the third round, and Cyril was fifth, having partnered Andy to $4\frac{1}{2}$ against Stu, and lost 6-1 with Ed to James & Stu. In round three, Ed beat Cyril & Charles 4-3.

Lunch was gastronomically less varied than in previous years, consisting largely of biscuits and cheese, accompanied by what Andy has called libations. We did, however, end up with Recioto della Valpolicella, a wine well liked by Andy, who then went on to win the tournament. I have some bad news for him, and indeed myself, because this wine is no longer imported. Perhaps we should consider the effect of food as well as drink on players, for Stu Collins, having pronounced the cheese 'divine', went on to score 21 points in the four rounds after lunch, only one less than Andy himself. These players had only one afternoon loss between them, partnering each other to a 3-4 against Ed & Charles. These latter two filled fourth and third places respectively.

It only remains to speculate on the performance of last year's winner. He managed three points in four games after lunch. This poses a question to those who have participated in both events: is the Catford more taxing than the Monopoly board pub crawl?

I wish to thank Cyril for bringing and creating an excellent salad, and all the participants, and Rob Cartwright who was originally invited but could not come, for their contributions to Lewisham Hospital Diabetes Day Centre.

On Us and Them

by Charles Relle

Stu Collins suggests that a feeling of "them and us" has sprung up in ETwA. I hope it is not so, but if Stu expresses the feeling it must exist somewhere. The ETwA Council did have Oxford and Cambridge representatives on it until 1965 (which was before Patrick Barrie's time), but

then, as there were so many other clubs, it was felt to be anachronistic. Now, however, we are back to two active clubs, with occasional meetings of Wets, Pints and Newts, and we should perhaps think again. The Oxford and Cambridge representatives should not be specifically the presidents, however; the clubs should be allowed to choose.

Whether you see yourself as one of "them" or one of "us", you can attempt to make the situation better by seeking office yourself. As far as I can see, the competition for office is not always very severe.¹ The last two Chairmen of ETwA have been elected *in absentia*. It would be disingenuous of me to say that I did not want to be Chairman, for I was proposed in 1970, and because of a job change and house move to non-winking Carlisle, felt that my name should not go forward. Ever since then, I have wanted to be Chairman just once in my life! But back to the point of issue: when I was made secretary in 1990, everyone in the room was asked to stand, and all refused: I was the last person asked. Apart from the fact that I was the last resort, what follows from this? Presumably that most people do not want to be ETwA officers, mainly through lack of time. I guess that students feel that office in their own clubs is enough, and that recent graduates have preoccupations with employment and professional examinations. Nevertheless, the ETwA Council is composed almost entirely of recent graduates. Then people start to choose partners, get married and have children, and find themselves busier than ever, and this does not stop for years. So you find you have me as secretary from 1990 to 1992, and chairman from 1992 to 1993, as my children have now grown up and I should have more time. I wonder where this time is! And yet I must be one of "them", if only because I am so much older than everyone else. I am sure that Stu does not mean to point the finger specifically at me when talking of "them" and "us", but it is inevitable that I should wish to justify myself. I have tried hard, even if I have not succeeded, during my year as Chairman, to meet everyone at each tournament, though this was not possible at the Singles because it was so large, and I have been to a meeting of the Cambridge club, and to the Oxford Varsity Match dinner. I have not had Newts at my house as often as I should have wished, but I have had a very busy year.

What follows from this? Think, all of you, before October 1993, whether you would like to stand for ETwA office, or whether you ought to. Think whether ETwA ought to coopt to its Council representatives from Oxford and Cambridge. I do not think there should be such an arrangement permanently, as we must hope for more student clubs, and ETwA must not present itself as exclusively Oxbridge.

Our next problem is to get the game more widespread. Is this the job of ETwA? In a sense, yes: it can help with administration, but the real effort to spread the game must be with the existent clubs, because all their members are concentrated in one place. What opportunities are there?

¹ In fact, there was competition for four of the six committee posts in each of the last two AGMs. Ed.

In the fifties, before even *my* time, Cambridge was the only club in the country, and it used to challenge to a match any organisation that ever mentioned the word Tiddlywinks. Money was easier then: the club subscribed to a press cutting agency. There were fixtures against Addenbrookes, and the R.A.F. station at Oakington. Challenges of this kind might not seem appropriate now, but there are two Universities in each of Oxford and Cambridge, and I think that the older Universities should make a serious attempt to get clubs formed in each of the new ones. Lack of membership is not a reason for not attempting this: a club is more likely to prosper if it is not entirely inward looking. Further, new players in the old clubs will be able to play 'novice' matches against those in the new clubs. Why do I suggest the new Universities in Oxford and Cambridge should be targetted? There are no significant travel expenses, and money is always a problem. Starting and sustaining a club far away is very difficult. Nevertheless, new and old players alike, and perhaps especially new players, should try to meet friends, and in particular school friends who are at other Universities, and try to introduce them to the game.

Money is, as I have said, a problem, and ETwA might consider establishing a fund for helping new clubs. This could help with travel, and initially with mats, the most expensive piece of equipment.

I do urge all of you to consider these points. Above all, work for the unity of ETwA. Otherwise the game cannot prosper.

Famous Winkers Revisited

by Patrick Barrie

Once again this isn't the drinking game, but this issue's silly competition. Winkers have many eccentricities, and for some of them this even extends to their names. Answers on a postcard to the following questions should be sent to the editor before the National Singles; the winner will be presented with a copy of the 1994 Guinness Book of Records, which does of course still contain its section on tiddlywinks.

What do the underlined initials (or nickname) really stand for:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Stewart <u>Q.</u> Sage | (a) Onion | (b) Onan | (c) Orinoco |
| 2. David <u>H.</u> Lockwood | (a) Hägär | (b) Haji-baba | (c) Hamilton |
| 3. Joanne <u>V.</u> Mitchell | (a) Vendetta | (b) Vladivar | (c) Victoria |
| 4. <u>Sunshine</u> | (a) Sheinson | (b) Socrates | (c) Smith |
| 5. <u>M.</u> A. Charles Relle | (a) Malcolm | (b) Mitchell | (c) Mitsubishi |
| 6. Julian D. <u>A.</u> Wiseman | (a) Aaron | (b) Aardvark | (c) Ansell |
| 7. Geoffrey R. <u>P.</u> Myers | (a) Platt | (b) Parker | (c) Pele |
| 8. James <u>M.</u> Cullingham | (a) Machiavelli | (b) Macdonald | (c) Mackay |
| 9. <u>E.</u> M. "Poss" Ellis | (a) Edric | (b) Ecil | (c) Engelbert |
| 10. Rev. E. <u>A.</u> Willis | (a) Aloysius | (b) Ambrose | (c) Augustine |

The Kidderminster Invitation

by Phil Clark

After a brief hiatus in 1993 when my plans were thwarted by building work and local bureaucracy, the fourth Kidderminster invitation was duly held on 12th June when 11 players and the ghost of Tim Jeffreys arrived at Kidderminster's new look leisure centre. A new room was available this year, not custom built for winks but near enough; maybe next year we'll give the disco lights a try (just as Charles is lining up the crucial pot perhaps). I had rather mischievously announced a 10 a.m. start which did cause some initial consternation; however, in the event, and to general amazement, the tournament began at 9.50.

The early start was not suited to all; Phil Carmody was barely awake in his first game as Mike Surridge and the late Tim Jeffreys had an easy win. Elsewhere Charles Relle, who seemed more concerned at when the bar would open, secured an early win and in the initial rounds established a lead he was never to relinquish. The grand old man of tiddlywinks may say he's too old for the game, but on the day his nerve held and the bar remained up to the challenge. Whether the staff have recovered from Geoff Thorpe's Diamond White and tomato juice inter-round pit stops is another matter.

By round six the field was starting to sort itself out with Charles leading from Andy and Cyril and this order remained until round eight when late runs by Mike and Rob brought them up into third and fourth places. However, the top two were not to be disturbed and Charles won with $53\frac{1}{2}$ points from 11 games with Andy second on 49, although Andy may have gained some satisfaction from inflicting a 6-1 defeat on Charles with Mike in the last round. Consistent play from Mike and Rob brought them into third place on $45\frac{2}{3}$ points.

Having completed 11 rounds within the allotted time (amazing what can be achieved if you try), events moved on to the 'Tumbling Sailor' for the traditional conclusion of the day. Sadly the pies proved too daunting to some who left early, but those of harder constitution remained to pay the Lumphammer its due and repeated respect.

Congratulations to Charles on a fine win and see you again in 1994.

Kathy and Jack Carruthers are intending to visit the UK next year, possibly at Easter, possibly late in the Summer. They have been superb hosts to around 20 assorted winkers over the last few years, and intend to continue to put up any British winkers travelling to Boston needing accommodation. If anyone might be able to put them up for a few days, please either write to Jack at 101 Monmouth Street, #717 Brookline, MA 02146, USA, or to Andy Purvis (30 Western Road, Oxford, OX1 4LG).

The 1993 NATwA Singles

Marlin residence, Ashburn VA, 26th-27th June 1993

This a condensed version of a report written by Andy Purvis and posted to alt.games.tiddlywinks on USENET.

Andy Purvis and Jon Mapley turned the tables on the Americans by recording the first 1-2 finish by Britons in a NATwA tournament. Jon's second place finish is his best in four or five tries, while Andy has now won the NATwA Singles on both his visits.

The format was an all-play-all followed by a top six play-off with scores being carried forward. At the close of the qualifying rounds, Bob Henninge beat Brad Schaefer 4-3 to secure his place and finish Brad's chances, and Jim Marlin made sure too with a 6-1 over Joe Sachs who had been contending. Larry Kahn hadn't looked his usual sharp self and, although he qualified, he had lost 6-1 to both Jon and Dave Lockwood. The qualifiers were Andy, Dave, Jon, Larry, Bob and Jim. Ferd couldn't quite make it, despite averaging 6 over his last 6 games- he'd lost all his first six. Brad and Joe were also close.

Dave beat Larry again, 5-2 at the start of the final pool, while Andy and Jon each took 6-1. Then Bob played really well to beat Andy 5-2, so Dave's 6-1 over Jim gave him the lead. Larry had a lot of ground to make up going into his game against Jon. He had far too much by the end- Jon won 6-1 quite comfortably. Andy repeated the trick in the next round, playing good defence to keep Larry squopped up. Jon in the mean time had built a pile containing nearly all of Dave's winks, but couldn't hold on to it. After the eventual pile-break, Jon cleared up Dave's winks near the pot and looked like a 6-1 victor until Dave potted brilliantly in round 4- he potted two small reds from the edge. Jon made an excellent pile pot of a green, freeing another green in the process which could then retake the pile. All looked set for a fine climax whereupon Dave, in complete contradiction of the previous round, lamely missed an easy red pot to hand Jon a 6-1. With this, his third straight six, Jon moved into second $1\frac{1}{2}$ points behind Andy and $1\frac{5}{6}$ ahead of Dave. Now Jon played Andy while Dave played Bob. The Jon/Andy game didn't match up to the situation, and eventually Andy made a squop-up in rounds. Dave meanwhile was beating Bob 6-1 so these two went into the last round with Dave needing $5\frac{1}{2}$ to win, just the same situation as in 1990.

The early part of the game went well for Dave, but Andy concentrated on keeping his blues ahead of green, and this began to pay after about halfway. Coming into rounds, Dave had only one green. Red knocked a large blue free, near to another large blue and a small green. Behind the small green was a small yellow, with no option but to take on the exceptionally risky blue doubleton. The blues were almost too far apart. Getting only one would have been curtains, especially if he got the green too. Dave made the shot! Andy made a knock off forcing the green to commit itself to taking a blue. A few more goodish solid squops kept Dave at bay, and two shots clicking across

piles to take yellow nailed the win. Jon's 6-1 off Jim gave him second place, while Larry's 6-1 pot-out over Bob was enough to secure 4th.

Thanks to Jim and family for providing the venue, and thanks to Larry and Dave for putting up the Brits- we really appreciate it. Andy now has another chance to get crushed by Geoff, as does Dave. Jon's form was the best I've seen from him in ages, especially his pressure potting, while Larry at last loses his record of alway finishing in the top two.

NATwa Singles 1993

Qualification	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	Tot.	Pos
A Larry Kahn	-	4	7*	6	1	1	6	1	7*	7*	4	6	6	56	4
B Joe Sachs	3	-	7*	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	1	1	6	6	1	6	4	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
C Craig Bourne	0*	0*	-	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	1	1	0*	1	0*	3	13
D Jim Marlin	1	6	7*	-	5	5	3	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	6	7*	0*	5	4	51 $\frac{1}{3}$	6
E Bob Henninge	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7*	2	-	1	4	3	3	7*	3	6	6	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
F Jon Mapley	6	1	7*	2	6	-	6	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	5	7*	4	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
G Brad Schaefer	1	6	7*	4	3	1	-	2	3	7*	1	6	6	47	8
H Dave Lockwood	6	6	7*	4 $\frac{2}{3}$	4	4	5	-	7*	7*	1	7*	3	61 $\frac{2}{3}$	2
I Rick Tucker	0*	1	6	1	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	0*	-	6	0*	6	1	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
J Chris Strong	0*	1	6	0*	0*	1	0*	0*	1	-	0*	1	0*	10	12
K Andy Purvis	3	6	7*	7*	4	2	6	6	7*	7*	-	7*	1	63	1
L Marg Henninge	1	1	6	2	1	0*	1	0*	1	6	0*	-	1	20	11
M Ferd	1	3	7*	3	1	3	1	4	6	7*	6	6	-	48	7

Final	Qual.	A	B	C	D	E	F	Tot.	Pos.
A Andy Purvis	63	-	6	6	6	2	6	89	1
B Dave Lockwood	61 $\frac{2}{3}$	1	-	1	5	6	6	80 $\frac{2}{3}$	3
C Jon Mapley	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	-	6	6	6	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
D Larry Kahn	56	1	2	1	-	6*	7*	73	4
E Bob Henninge	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	1	1	1*	-	3	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
F Jim Marlin	51 $\frac{1}{3}$	1	1	1	0*	4	-	58 $\frac{1}{3}$	6

Auntie Gertie's Problem Corner

by Auntie Gertie

Dear Auntie Gertie,

I am confused by the out-of-sequence rule, and was wondering if you might be able to help. I was in a five player game where two players were always playing red/blue and two always played green/yellow (rotating shots, not turns). The fifth player, Elizabeth, changed sides whenever a wink was potted or sent off, and played her side's next shot. All was moving along as smoothly as could be expected until Elizabeth, due to play green, instead played a red and sent it off the table. What are the options open to the offended partnership under the out-of-sequence rule? What is the offended partnership? We have stopped the clock and are waiting to hear from you. Also, that happened more than thirty seconds ago. Can we practise, or are we unable to play any other games until we finish this one?

Yours desperately,
Half Green Half Biscuit

Dear Half Baked Biscuit,

The rules are abundantly clear on this issue. Either Elizabeth's shot may be retracted and she then play her correct colour (green at that particular stage of the game), or alternatively the opponents (not the offended partnership) have a choice of playing red or blue. The shot is due to be played by Elizabeth (as she changes side and plays the next shot whenever a wink is sent off). Neither Elizabeth, green or red miss their next shot as the wink sent off was not of the correct colour. In the event that Elizabeth gets confused and plays green or yellow next by mistake then this is a foul shot. If she happens to send this wink off the mat, then the whole situation will repeat itself, so I suggest that the other players go straight away to the nearest open licensed premises, and remain there until Elizabeth learns to behave herself.

Time taken to consult an umpire is not counted as part of the game, and so thirty seconds of match time have not yet elapsed. You are therefore not allowed to practise or play other games of tiddlywinks until this judgement is acted upon under penalty of an automatic 7-0 loss. A.G.

Dear Auntie Gertie,

I wish to protest in the most vehement, vituperative, vindictive and vitriolic terms possible. I categorically deny having anything to do with it, and I resent any suggestion that I had. I call on all those involved to resign.

Yours venomously,
The Incredible Melting Man

Dear Melting Man,

Errr... thank you for your kind letter. It is so nice to hear that one's efforts to help other people are appreciated by others. Thank you for your support. A.G.

The London Open

Riverdale Hall, Lewisham, 10th July 1993

by Ben Deane

A cloudy Saturday morning saw 19 pairs of winkers converge on the Lewisham centre, eager for the start of the London Open. However some became frustrated on learning that they were locked out while others were inside oblivious to their plight. Luckily this was soon rectified by a centre official and the tournament was able to begin.

Round 1 saw Stu & Matthew go into the lead, having potted out against Jon & Walter. Good play was also evident from several half-Scottish pairings. Rupert & Jason got off to a slow start, while Sage & Deane, suffering a bye in the non-optimal round, were obviously champing at the bit.¹ In the second round, Nipper & Benedict² scored a win off Gavin & Patrick, and an all-Cambridge clash resulted in Clarkson & Marchant tying with Thompson & Westley overall. Stu & Matthew continued to head the table with a win over Whalley & Surridge, and both Andy & Bruce and Alan & Jon were showing signs of possible force. Relle & Wiseman were biding their time in 11th place.

The next round saw Ben & Stew at the heady heights of 2nd, although with a bye. Andy & Bruce looked solid in first, with a win over Collins & Rose, and Nipper & Benedict caused a small hiccup for Dean & Mapley by potting out. The middle places were being hard fought, while Charles & Julian moved up to fourth place. Cyril & Ben came up off the bottom with a win over Simon & Spike.

Lunch was a rather haphazard affair as I remember; some Cambridge winkers ran off to a local pub, although food was available from the bar at the hall. Everyone managed to make it back in just in time for the after-lunch session (a better showing than some recent tournaments), and it duly began more or less on time. Was lubrication going to help?

Rounds 4, 5 and 6 revealed mixed fortunes. Relle & Wiseman moved into supreme position, but Andy & Bruce slipped a bit with a couple of tough games. Cullingham & Salter moved above the middle with a win over Boyce & Cartwright, while Whalley & Surridge were challenging at one stage, although they slipped to 5th in round 6. Sage & Deane sank fast; Stew remarked at one point, "I'm playing against 3 people" as Ben failed to cope. Scarrott & Hedger, who had been languishing in 17th, made their way to 8th. Gavin & Patrick won over Geoff & Jo, and then Andy & Bruce- the beneficial effects of a bye after lunch perhaps?

After round 7, only $\frac{1}{4}$ ppg separated the top 4, since Charles & Julian had lost to Alan & Jon. Wilson & Porter overcame Boyce & Cartwright, and

¹ A highlight was Alan Boyce's shot ending his first game: already on $5\frac{1}{2}$ points if he passed, he chose to play for 6... it all went horribly wrong and ended up as a 3-4 loss. Ed.

² Benedict = Andrew Dominey (obvious really). Nipper and Walter have been defined in recent *Winking Worlds*. Ed.

Rupert & Jason moved to 9th with a win over Phil & Tim. Stu & Matthew had also bounced back, beating James & Dave. And so into round 8, which had potential- Dean & Mapley could only narrowly beat Keyte & Barrie¹ while Charles & Julian potted out against Chris & Nick to take the title. Rupert & Jason scored 4 off Nipper & Benedict to end up a good 7th, and Alasdair & Graham potted out for the second time in as many games to beat Alan & Rob.

Thanks must go to Charles for organisation.

London Open 1993		Rounds								Total	p.p.g.	Pos.
A	Charles Relle & Julian Wiseman	E	S	J	B	F	D	C	H			
		1½	6	7*	5	6	6	1*	6*	38½	4.812	1
B	Stu Collins & Matthew Rose	L	D	F	A	C	P	J	M			
		7*	5	2*	2	2*	6*	7*	6	37	4.625	2
C	Alan Dean & Jon Mapley	H	O	I	M	B	bye	A	E			
		3	7*	1*	6	5*	–	6*	4	32	4.571	3
D	Mike Surridge & Elizabeth Whalley	G	B	N	P	H	A	E	F			
		6	2	5½	5½	5	1	3	6	34	4.250	4
E	Patrick Barrie & Gavin Keyte	A	I	H	bye	N	F	D	C			
		5½	3	4	–	5	5	4	3	29½	4.214	5
F	Andy Purvis & Bruce Turnbull	R	K	B	I	A	E	H	D			
		6	5	5*	6	1	2	4½	1	30⅔	3.833	6
G	Rupert Thompson & Jason Westley	D	L	O	N	R	J	M	I			
		1	3	5½	2	7*	3	4	4	29½	3.687	7
H	Nick Inglis & Chris Wilson	C	M	E	Q	D	I	F	A			
		4	4½	3	6*	2	6	2½	1*	28⅕	3.604	8
I	Andrew Dominey & Jon Williams	S	E	C	F	P	H	N	G			
		5	4	6*	1	4	1	4	3	28	3.500	9=
J	James Cullingham & Dave Salter	K	R	A	S	Q	G	B	N			
		1	6	0*	6	6*	4	0*	5	28	3.500	9=
K	Alasdair Grant & Graham Turnbull	J	F	P	R	L	N	S	Q			
		6	2	1	2	1½	2½	6*	7*	28	3.500	9=
L	Dave Clarkson & Jon Marchant	B	G	Q	O	K	M	bye	R			
		0*	4	1	6	5½	1	–	6	23½	3.357	12=

¹ This narrow win would have been a pot-out if Alan had sunk a pot in round 5. Ed.

M	Tim Hedger & Phil Scarrott	O	H	bye	C	S	L	G	B			
		4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	–	1	6	6	3	1	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.357	12=
N	Geoff Thorpe & Jo Mitchell	Q	bye	D	G	E	K	I	J			
		4	–	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	22	3.143	14
O	Julian Porter & Rupert Wilson	M	C	G	L	bye	S	Q	P			
		3	0*	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	–	7*	5*	4	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.071	15
P	Ben Deane & Stew Sage	bye	Q	K	D	I	B	R	O			
		–	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	1*	1	3	20	2.857	16
Q	Alan Boyce & Rob Cartwright	N	P	L	H	J	R	O	K			
		3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	1*	1*	6	2*	0*	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.687	17
R	Cyril Edwards & Ben Soares	F	J	S	K	G	Q	P	L			
		1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	0*	1	6	1	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.437	18
S	Simon Dean & Andy Milligan	I	A	R	J	M	O	K	bye			
		2	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0*	1*	–	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.214	19

The Marchant Trophy

by Patrick Barrie

The Marchant trophy was more active this year than the last three years or so put together. That isn't, however, saying much, and despite the entry of seven teams there were only a total of six matches. The winners were a team with a long name that started with "Langford" and ended with "Tiddlywinkers", with a middle bit that was the product of Dave Salter's imagination. This must be one of the rare occasions when a team wins a tournament despite having a p.p.g. of less than 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Thanks go to all those who played in any games (both team members and guests). Does anyone know where the trophy is?

Pos.	Marchant Trophy Teams	Pl.	Tot.
1	Langford etc. (Barrie, Hedger, Salter, Cullingham, Collins)	3	41
2	WETS (Boyce, Surridge, Clark)	2	39
3	Tired OUTS (Purvis, Keyte, Harbron, Brennan)	2	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	PinTS (Scarrott, Jeffreys, Carmody, Relle)	2	24
5	Four Specified Queens (Gandy, Rose, Myers, Wiseman)	1	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	OUTS A (Julier, Poss, Woodman, Smale)	1	7
7	OUTS B (C. Wilson, Roberts, Agrell, E. Porter)	1	2

A Historical Digression

by Patrick Barrie

Incredible, but true...

The following letter was sent to Auntie Gertie's Problem Corner from Winks Addict, Taunton, way back in 1964. Astonishingly, that's before Julian Wiseman was even conceived!

"I have a squidger composed of a hard rubbery substance with a normal diameter of 0.99 inches. But high-speed photography has revealed that when I am actually squidding with it, it is extended to 1.01 inches, which comes within the required squidger dimensions. Can this squidger be used in match play?" (from *Winking World* 6)

Not incredible, but still true...

The following is an extract from a report of a rules discussion way back in the 1974 ETwA AGM. Have times changed?

"The main business of the meeting was, yet again, to examine the new rules of Tiddlywinks. The contest was between Bungey Wells, alias Lord Squidgery, President of the High Court of Appeal (although he's never done anything to me), who had drawn up the rules and had the good sense to be absent from the meeting, and the razor-sharp minds of the ETwA intelligentsia, eager to prove that the new rules did not allow for such common eventualities as earthquake, pestilence, the Spanish Inquisition, or a plague of elves using winks mats as anal cleansers. Your own correspondent settled down in a sleeping position for this fascinating battle of wits, and found solace in a couple of bottles of Guinness. A brief, horrified glance at the new rules convinced me that Bungey had won, game, set and match. I couldn't understand a word, although such words as 'pot' and 'squidger' did occasionally appear in unfamiliar sentences. Bungey's typewriter seemed to lack a comma, so the sentences were of indecipherable length. In spite of the Chairman's ruling that legalese does not admit the existence of a comma, I remain convinced that lawyers are illiterate. In fact, as the whole discussion seemed to centre between various computer operatives I concluded that the whole debate was being conducted in Fortran. However, it seems as though some conclusion was reached as I was recorded as 'aye' every so often, although I believe that they assumed my raising my hand to leave the room was a considered vote. As far as I understand matters, the new rules are the same as the old rules, except that we can now play the game as we have always played it secure in the knowledge that we can challenge anyone else's interpretation if we can afford the barristers' fees." (from *Winking World* 24)

Cameraman's comments during filming of an advertisement for Carlton TV:

"Stop smiling, Patrick. Deadly serious now."

"Jonathan, there's something wrong with your armpits."

The 1993 NATwA Pairs: A Prejudicial View

Boston, 18th-19th September 1993

by Gavin Keyte

The start time had been fixed at 9 a.m. on Saturday, but Charles Frankston arrived at 10 a.m. since his rule of thumb is that "no tournament ever starts before ten". Not if we're waiting for you Charles. It was decided to play a double round-robin so that there would be 14 games over the two days.

The first round saw a 6 for Gavin Keyte & Rick Tucker against Conrad Nobili (the token novice in the tournament) & Chuck Houpt (who hasn't played in a tournament for six years), giving them a share of first place with Larry Kahn & Arye Gittelman. The only mild upset of the round was a $4\frac{1}{2}$ to Joe Sachs & Charles Frankston against Dave Lockwood & Brad Schaefer.

Round 2 saw Larry & Arye take 7 off Chuck & Conrad who, understandably, were allowed very few points by a much stronger field. [Andy Purvis won't mind I'm sure if I mention that he & Paul Roberts were the only pair to take fewer than 6 in a game against Chuck & Conrad, and they managed this twice. Paul might mind, however, so I won't mention it]. Charles & Joe moved to second with 6 over Gavin & Rick in a game where only one pair seemed competent to bring in. The same problem overcame Paul & Andy in round three and Dave & Brad took 7 since they brought in on the mat rather than the floor. Elsewhere, Indian (TDI) & Phil Carmody upset things at the top by turning around a bad position in rounds to beat Joe & Charles 6-1. Larry demonstrated that 2 inch big-on-big squops are missable and thereby allowed Rick to pot out for 5-2.

Andy & Paul dragged themselves out of contention for last place with a win over TDI & Phil in the game after lunch (a shock for those British players new to NATwA events - NO BEER!). It was more a case of the losers dropping their standards than the all-British pair raising theirs however- Paul wasn't able to help Andy through arguably his worst day of winks in years. The top of the table clash finished $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to Dave & Brad while Ferd & Bob Henninge generously gave away a point or so in rounds to beat Rick & Gavin $4\frac{2}{3}$ - $2\frac{1}{3}$ when that latter pair freed winks and potted at the death.

The final games of the first round-robin had Brad & Dave grind out 6 against Ferd & Bob with clever shots which all seemed to come off. Their touch deserted them in the next round though, and Rick & Gavin beat them in a very long and hard-fought game.

At the halfway stage then, Dave & Brad had a lead of $2\frac{1}{2}$ points over the field, but 3 pairs were within 7 points. Everyone began to flag by the end of Saturday, and the final games of the day were not up to the same high standard as the others. The only player to perform better later was Larry who started to just get down and shoot instead of psyching himself out of easy shots. In the last round of the day both Rick & Gavin deferred pot-out threats to allow Joe & Charles to play a typical game of pot-squop: five in then miss, get squopped, lose 7-0! Conrad & Chuck carried on, never losing their good

honour despite being shut out of practically every game in the tournament. It can be no fun being the only "rabbit pair" in the country. It was great that they were eager to learn from each pair they came up against.

On day two the tournament was up and running again by 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, and three of the top four pairs won- only Paul & Andy upset the nice seeding by outplaying Ferd & Bob to take $5\frac{1}{2}$. The final three rounds proved the seeding correct, and were top against top, bottom against bottom affairs. Rick & Gavin were given hope in their pursuit of Charles & Joe by the requisite 6 against Conrad & Chuck, although the game could have gone either way until rounds. Andy & Paul won again, this time in a blitz game. Dave & Brad extended their lead to 3 points but Larry & Arye were snapping at their heels now. One round later they were only 1 point clear and having to play Larry & Arye. Andy & Paul won again to win amazingly more points on Sunday than on Saturday. Gavin & Rick failed to overtake Joe & Charles because they went to pieces in both the final games having been ahead in each of them.

It proved to be bitter disappointment for Dave & Brad who had led for two thirds of the weekend, but lost the final game and with it the tournament. Dave had at times been playing better than I can remember anyone playing, but at the end of the day there was a stronger pair in the field.

NATwA Pairs 1993		Total
1	Larry Kahn & Arye Gittelman	$74\frac{1}{2}$
2	Dave Lockwood & Brad Schaefer	$70\frac{1}{2}$
3	Bob Henninge & Ferd	$62\frac{1}{6}$
4	Joe Sachs & Charles Frankston	$49\frac{1}{2}$
5	Rick Tucker & Gavin Keyte	$45\frac{5}{6}$
6	Andy Purvis & Paul Roberts	43
7	Indian & Phil Carmody	$35\frac{1}{2}$
8	Conrad Nobili & Chuck Houpt	10

What they said (Quotes of the Tournament)

Joe Sachs (proving that NATwA may be living in the past): "I could have got that [shot] with the old winks."

Dave Lockwood: "We were first to finish in that round again."

Charles Frankston (at the end of the first day): "It looks as though Arye and Larry aren't totally dominant, but I refuse to respect Brad and Dave."

What they didn't say

Indian (proving that not all Americans are foul-mouthed): "Would you mind potting that wink please, Phil?"

World Pairs 12

Queens' College, Cambridge, 16th October 1993

by Jon Williams

Being spectrovisually challenged fortunately prevents me writing an in-depth shot-by-shot account of the match, but such a report would hardly do justice to it. Keen observers were postulating beforehand that some players weren't taking it very seriously. I just assumed that the four pints of beer each player had at lunch were just to calm the nerves. After lunch, rather than move from the convenient location of the middle of the bar, two square tables were found that fitted together without an inch drop from one to the other.

Game 1. The first game belonged to Andy. He won the squidge-off with a wink 6 inches from the pot, and later, pointing at one of Geoff's winks, he helpfully bellowed "ILL!" before sitting down and declining to elaborate.¹ His low-point of the game was being accused of an illegal shot for touching his squidger. Andy & Geoff won the potting battle after the main pile was blown 5-2.

Game 2. This almost started getting serious, but not quite. Andy & Geoff 6-1.

Game 3. This game was marked for the first pot-out attempt. Unfortunately Julian failed to pot a single wink. He was in good company though, as Geoff missed a straightforward two inch pot later in the game which even my blind granny could have got. Despite losing again, Richard & Julian did seem relatively pleased that the 2 points they got took them up to 5 (level with the worst ever World Pairs result).

Game 4. By now it was clear that the fat lady was on stage ready with the microphone, so to speak. Richard & Julian duly got the necessary point to avoid the worst WP result. Andy played most of the game in fits of laughter, and even missed a simple two millimetre squop. Andy & Geoff 6-1.

Game 5. Perhaps surprisingly up to this point there had been no pot-outs. This game was no different, and the match ended with all one partnership's winks under a huge pile next to the pot. Guess who 6-1.

So there you have it. Andy & Geoff are still World Pairs champions, but it is fair to say that all four players were only firing on three cylinders (though Geoff's were turbocharged with four valves per cylinder).

World Pairs 12	Game Scores					Total
Geoff Myers & Andy Purvis	5	6	5	6	6	28
Richard Moore & Julian Wiseman	2	1	2	1	1	7

¹ The wink was in fact non-yellow (and not Geoff's at all), and Andy meant to say "Kill" but got confused. Ed.

Nick Inglis' World Ratings

(at the time of going to press)

Here they are again. Only players with greater than 30 rated games in the past year have a full rating. Those with less than 30 have been italicised and bracketed while those with less than 15 have been omitted completely. Geoff Myers has been in a clear number one position almost continuously since *Winking World* 60, but there has been much scrambling for the minor places with more people having ratings higher than 2500 than ever before. Andy Purvis has reached an astonishing 147 games in the last year, which goes to show what happens if you play in the world competitions and visit America twice in a year as well.

Current Rating	Player	Rating in past year:		Games in past year:		
		High	Low	Rated	Total	p.p.g.
2651	Geoff Myers	2651	2567	77	90	4.561
2543	Andy Purvis	2564	2496	126	147	4.287
2531	Dave Lockwood (U.S.)	2553	2443	86	86	4.490
(2516)	<i>Mike Surridge</i>	(2516)	(2444)	28	28	5.054
2512	Larry Kahn (U.S.)	2620	2488	79	79	4.614
2511	Patrick Barrie	2511	2332	69	91	4.703
2485	Jon Mapley	2531	2450	83	94	4.599
2444	Richard Moore	2476	2347	64	71	4.859
2372	Matthew Rose	2372	2268	73	84	4.696
2368	Charles Relle	2457	2342	79	80	4.550
2341	Bob Henninge (U.S.)	(2365)	(2288)	38	38	4.110
2340	Nick Inglis	2362	2200	78	92	3.830
2322	Brad Schaefer (U.S.)	2322	(2193)	60	60	4.200
(2310)	<i>Ferd (U.S.)</i>	(2310)	(2310)	26	26	4.237
(2257)	<i>Joe Sachs (U.S.)</i>	(2257)	(2257)	26	26	3.692
2257	Geoff Thorpe	2257	2148	67	68	3.525
2253	Alan Dean	2359	2253	63	63	4.310
2241	Phil Scarrott	2263	2221	68	69	4.181
2222	Simon Gandy	2323	2179	50	64	4.172
2201	Jim Marlin (U.S.)	2216	2114	37	37	3.063
2179	Julian Wiseman	2209	2120	68	82	4.061
2169	Rick Tucker (U.S.)	2212	2097	51	51	3.320
2131	Stu Collins	2176	(2025)	50	52	3.798
2093	Anthony Heading	2100	2001	60	62	4.065
(2089)	<i>Rupert Wilson</i>	(2089)	(2089)	18	27	3.167
2072	Alasdair Grant	2088	1946	51	58	3.509
2068	Alan Boyce	2204	2068	42	51	3.745
2064	Ed Wynn	2064	2005	33	33	3.803
2044	Jon Marchant	2068	1976	32	42	3.369
2036	Ian Gameson	(2172)	(1970)	31	41	3.463

Current Rating	Player	Rating in past year:		Games in past year:		
		High	Low	Rated	Total	p.p.g.
2016	Jason Westley	(2051)	2016	39	39	3.487
(1992)	Jim Carrington	(2106)	(1992)	16	16	3.469
(1988)	Tim Jeffreys	2019	1988	25	25	3.460
1988	Rob Cartwright	2132	1988	45	45	3.933
(1976)	Paul Woodman	(1976)	(1976)	27	27	3.704
1975	Ben Deane	2008	(1772)	70	71	3.293
1968	Chris Wilson	1968	1811	66	66	3.301
1963	Gavin Keyte	2018	1903	87	91	3.042
(1959)	Cyril Edwards	2152	(1959)	26	38	2.763
1958	Stew Sage	1996	1896	52	61	3.492
1948	Dave Clarkson	(2041)	1911	46	57	3.667
1912	Jon Carlaw	1912	1880	38	38	3.368
1912	Phil Carmody	1990	1912	65	78	3.301
1898	Rupert Thompson	1932	1852	46	57	3.289
1898	Steve Phillips	(2087)	1898	38	38	2.724
1890	Nick Reid	1933	1855	49	57	3.430
(1886)	Steve Harbron	(1886)	(1886)	16	18	3.333
(1878)	Elizabeth Whalley	(1878)	(1711)	29	29	3.310
1869	James Cullingham	1924	1855	83	83	3.151
(1842)	James Orwell	1900	1842	20	20	2.800
(1812)	Simon Julier	1812	1732	25	27	3.019
1807	Jon Williams	1807	1697	60	60	3.242
(1798)	Dave Rickard	(1798)	(1798)	15	15	2.867
(1779)	Marg Henninge (U.S.)	(1779)	(1779)	19	19	1.816
(1776)	Graham Turnbull	(1776)	(1776)	15	15	2.600
1772	Andrew Dominey	1772	(1595)	55	56	2.777
(1737)	Poss Ellis	(1737)	(1687)	25	25	2.560
(1725)	Julian Cole	(1725)	(1725)	19	19	2.237
(1713)	Bruce Turnbull	(1714)	(1713)	25	25	2.247
1705	Andy Milligan	1807	1687	57	57	2.579
1694	Dave Carslake	1694	(1522)	38	39	2.346
(1655)	Ben Soares	(1655)	(1655)	15	15	2.033
1652	Paul Roberts	1702	1616	68	68	2.559
1623	Chris Goddard	1739	1623	35	35	2.500
(1594)	Naveed Chaudhri	1594	(1538)	21	21	2.048
1533	Kate Woolfitt	(1598)	1533	32	32	2.490
1533	Julian Porter	1533	1407	50	50	2.710
(1498)	Tim Butterworth	(1498)	(1498)	19	19	2.289
(1486)	Ed Porter	(1620)	(1486)	23	24	1.854
(1460)	Jo Mitchell	(1460)	(1382)	24	24	1.958
(1458)	Helen Emes	(1458)	(1458)	15	15	3.233
1422	Andrew Garrard	(1515)	1422	31	31	2.548
(1382)	Andrew Young	(1473)	(1382)	26	26	1.865
1357	Simon Dean	1424	(1268)	53	53	1.887

Winking World is the official journal of...



THE ENGLISH TIDDLYWINKS ASSOCIATION

... and is edited by Patrick Barrie of 123 Clare Court, Judd Street, London WC1H 9QR. The editor is also contactable by phoning 071-387-7050 (ext. 4616) or 071-278-0476, or via E-mail to ucca61b@uk.ac.ucl (JANET) or ucca61b@ucl.ac.uk (INTERNET). *Winking World* is issued free of charge to E.Tw.A. members and costs 75p to non-members. Material published in *Winking World* is not copyright, but anyone who quotes from *Winking World* is asked to acknowledge the source.

Membership of E.Tw.A. costs £5 (or £2.50 to students and the unwaged) and entitles the member to regular newsletters outlining forthcoming events, to reduced entry fees at E.Tw.A. tournaments, and also gives the member the prestigious right to vote on any proposed rules changes. Cheques (payable to the English Tiddlywinks Association) should be sent to the treasurer.

The E.Tw.A. committee at the time of writing consists of the following people, but this may all have changed by the time you read this:

Chairman: Charles Relle, 26 Canadian Avenue, London SE6 3AS (081 690 2885)

Treasurer: Matthew Rose, 68 The Ridgeway, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4BD (081 954 4321)

Secretary: Julian Porter, Lincoln College, Oxford OX1 3DR (0865 57867)

Publicity Officer: Jonathan Mapley, 2 Janmead, Witham, Essex CM8 2EN (0376 516872)

WW Editor: Patrick Barrie, 123 Clare Court, Judd Street, London WC1H 9QR
(071 278 0476)

Tournament Organiser: Simon Gandy, 10 Band Lane, Egham, Surrey TW20 9LN
(0784 472637)

Next major tournament is the **National Singles**, to be held at Queens' College, Cambridge, over the weekend of the 20th/21st November.